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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2004 that was submitted in connection with the above-referenced application.

With a one-month petition for extension of time and payment of the appropriate fee, Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are due with this filing. However, if any fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same to Deposit Account No. 502648 (CURA 569).

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a revised IDS is attached following page 11 of this paper.